



Things that are Thrown Away.

AMONG them are a variety of baskets varying in size and shape from the dumpy, undersized strawberry-basket to the more generous one capable of holding two or three dozens of eggs. They are all rather frail in construction (that is, those which the marketman leaves his goods in), but they are quite strong enough to answer a variety of purposes. A strawberry-basket held under running water and scrubbed lightly with a brush may be freed from fruit stains, if it have any, but very often a basket free from stain is obtained when the early fruit is purchased. Having received whatever freshening it requires, paint the outside with blue, white or pink enamel or with any of the metallic paints, applying the latter with their own special medium or with French glue or thin white mucilage. Line it with Silesia, sateen, India silk or any similar material and its manifold uses will at once suggest themselves. If it is at all uneven or ragged about the top sew on a puffing of the lining material. Should a handle be essential to its usefulness fasten a splint upright to each side and through the tops of these uprights run a ribbon matching the lining, tying its ends in a bow.

A little forethought will enable any one who takes pleasure in adding dainty and useful articles to their surroundings to use advantageously many trifles which to the unthinking have no value. Enamel may be bought in pound cans and applied by anybody who can handle a brush.

